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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: **METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR MICROFLUIDIC FLOW GUIDING**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2003, imposing a restriction requirement on the above-referenced application, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-35, and 41-47, for examination and request withdrawal of the restriction requirement for the reasons discussed below. The period for response to the Office Action is set to expire January 8, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe this response is timely filed.